Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and Response to Restriction

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REMARKS

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Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested. The Amendment adds new independent claim 10, which is a method claim generic to the method claims as previously presented. The method claims have been amended to depend from the new generic independent method claim 10.

Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 4-6 and 8 drawn to a process of making a bearing. Additionally, Applicants respectfully request that new generic method claim 10 be examined with this elected group.

Election of Species Requirement

Applicants also hereby elect Species of Figs. 1-4. Claims 4, 6, and new claim 10 read on this elected species.

Conclusion

In view of the above, an office action on the merits is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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